

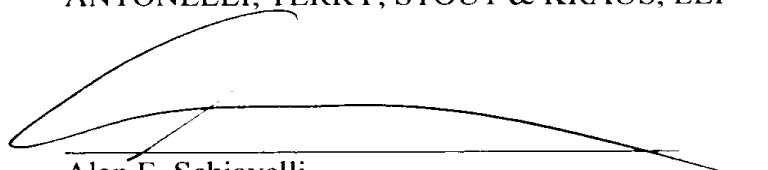
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits of this application.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 612.34893VV3), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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1. (Amended) Device for eliminating the particles contained in a stream of fluid comprising a container (10) with a passage for the fluid stream in turbulent flow and a plurality of objects oriented transversely relative to the direction of flow, said objects having edges communicating with the stream of fluid and defining between them at least one stagnant space where the particles are recovered; characterized in that

(a) ~~the objects are plates provided with slots that extend inward from said edges;~~

(b) ~~or the objects are pleated elements such that each side of the pleats is in contact with the stream of fluid;~~

(c) ~~or the objects are comprised of a fibrous pad, a fibrous mat, or a fibrous fabric disposed along the gas stream;~~

such that the ~~slots, edges of the two sides of the pleated elements, or pads, fabrics, or~~ fibers furnish additional edges for catching particles.

10. (Amended) Device according to Claim 9 1, characterized in that said flow channel is tubular.

12. (Amended) Device according to Claim 9 1, characterized in that said flow channel has a spiral shape.